FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

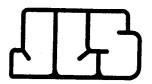
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

Michigan Deptartment of Treasury 496 (2-04) Auditing Procedures Report

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Audit Date	10W	nship	Opinion I	Date	Date Acc	ountant Report Subm	nitted to State:	Gra	ind Traverse
9/30/04 We have a	audited th	ne financia	12/30, I statem		local unit of government		d an opinion o	n financial s	statements prepared
accordance Financial S	e with th Statemen	ne Statem	ents of nties and	the Governi Local Units	local unit of governmental Accounting State of Government in Mic	andards Board higan by the Mig	(GASB) and	the <i>Uniform</i>	Reporting Format f
We affirm	that:							DEP	OFTPEASURY
					dits of Local Units of G			sed. JA	NN 3 1 2005
2. We are	e certified	d public ac	countant	ts registered	to practice in Michiga	n.		LOCAL ALL	DIT 6
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Yes	√ No		e are acout of 1980).	cumulated d	eficits in one or more	of this unit's ur	nreserved fund	balances/re	etained earnings (P.A
Yes	√ No	3. There amen		stances of n	on-compliance with the	ne Uniform Acc	ounting and B	udgeting Ac	t (P.A. 2 of 1968, a
Yes [√ No				ed the conditions of issued under the Eme			the Municip	al Finance Act or its
Yes [√ No				osits/investments which], or P.A. 55 of 1982, a			/ requiremer	nts. (P.A. 20 of 1943
Yes [√ No	6. The lo	ocal unit	has been de	elinquent in distributing	tax revenues th	at were collect	ed for anoth	er taxing unit.
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Yes [✓ No	9. The lo	cal unit i	has not ador	oted an investment pol	icy as required t	oy P.A. 196 of	1997 (MCL 1	29.95).
We have ei	nclosed	the follow	ing:				Enclosed	To Be Forward	
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Reports on	individua	al federal fi	nancial a	assistance p	rograms (program aud	lits).			✓
Single Audi	t Reports	(ASLGU)					,		✓
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TC TALUS 400 Boardman Ave Traverse City, MI 49684

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of TC TALUS as of and for the year ended September 30, 2004 which collectively comprise the organization's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of TC TALUS. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to provide reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is a required element of the GASB 34 reporting format. TC TALUS has elected not to include it as part the financial statements.

In our opinion, except for the exclusion of the MD&A discussed above, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of TC TALUS as of September 30, 2004 and the changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

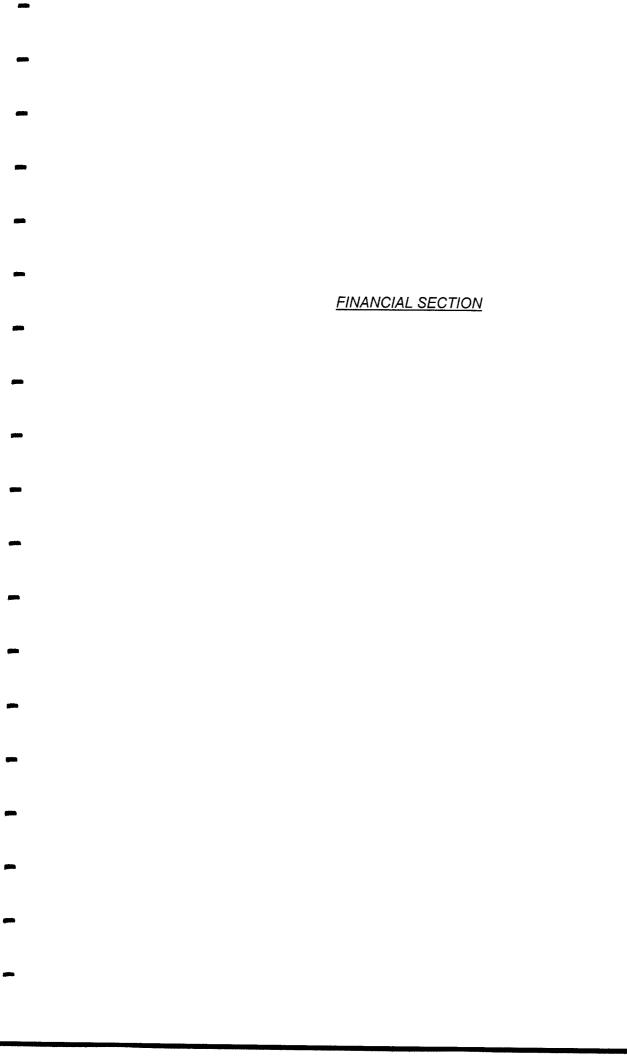
As described in Note 1, the organization has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments* as of September 30, 2004.

The budgetary comparison information on page 10 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consist principally of inquires of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements of TC TALUS. The combining non-major fund financial statements are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining non-major fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and , in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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December 30, 2004



Government Wide Statement of Net Assets September 30, 2004

Assets	Governmental Activities
Cash in Bank Accounts Receivable - MDOT Accounts Receivable - FHWA Capital Assets - net	\$ 62,479 4,530 39,505
Total Assets	107,298
Liabilities Liabilities Accounts Payable Deferred Revenue	28,459
Total Liabilities	28,459
Net Assets Investment in Capital Assets Restricted Unrestricted Total Net Assets	784 - 78,055 \$ 78,839

Government Wide Statement of Activities For the Year Ended September 30, 2004

			Program Revenu		Net (Expense Revenue & Changes in Net Assets
Functions/Programs General Government	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grant & Contributions	Capital Grants & Contributions	Governmenta Activities
Public Safety	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Public Works	-	-	-	-	· ·
Health and Welfare Community & Economic Development	138,052	-	- 130,747	-	- (7,305)
Recreation & Culture	-	-	-	-	-
Interest on Long-Term Debt	-	-	-	-	-
otal Governmental Activities	\$ 138,052	\$ -	\$ 130,747	\$ -	(7,305)
			General Revenue Property Taxe State Shared I Miscellaneous Net Transfers Total General Re	s Revenue In (Out)	- - 237
			and Transfers	evenues	237
			Change in Net A. Net Assets - Be	ssets eginning	(7,068) 85,907
			Net Assets - Er	nding	\$ 78,839

Governmental Fund Balance Sheet September 30, 2004

Assets		General Fund	Goi	on-Major vernmental Funds		Total
Cash in Bank	\$	48,063	\$	14,416	\$	62,479
Accounts Receivable - MDOT		4,530	•	-	Ψ	4,530
Accounts Receivable - FHWA		39,505		-		39,505
Total Assets	\$	92,098	_\$_	14,416	\$	106,514
Liabilities and Fund Balances Liabilities						
Accounts Payable Deferred Revenue	\$	28,459 	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	28,459
Total Liabilities	•	28,459		_		28,459
Fund Balances						
Fund Balance		63,639		14,416		78,055
Total Fund Balances		63,639		14,416		78,055
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	92,098	\$	14,416	\$	106,514
otal Fund Balance - All Governmental	Funds				\$	78,055
Amounts reported for governmental activiti are different because:	ies in the s	statement (of net	assets		·
Capital Assets of \$3,761 net of accumulate financial resources and are not reported	ed depreci	ation of (\$	2,977) are not		
	iii tile tulk	12		-		784
let Assets of Governmental Activities					o	78,839

Governmental Fund Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance For the Year Ended September 30, 2004

Revenues		General Fund		lon-Major vernmental Funds	Go	Total overnmental Funds
State Grants	Φ.	04.40=	_			
Local Units Contributions	\$	64,497	\$	-	\$	64,497
Interest Earned		66,250		-		66,250
Total Revenue		199		38		237
, o.a., novonuo		130,946		38		130,984
Expenditures						
General Government		-		_		
Public Safety		_		_		-
Public Works				_		-
Health & Welfare		137,259		41		137,300
Recreation & Culture		-		-		137,300
Other		_		_		-
Capital Outlay		_		_		-
Debt Service		_		_		-
Total Expenditures		137,259		41		137,300
Excess Revenues Over (Under)						
Expenditures		(0.040)				
Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(6,313)		(3)		(6,316)
Operating Transfer In						
Operating Transfer (Out)		-		-		-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		_				_
Excess Revenues and Other Sources Over		-				
(Under) Expenditures and Other Uses		(0.040)				
(Onder) Experialitires and Other Oses		(6,313)		(3)		(6,316)
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year		69,952		14,419		84,371
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$	63,639	\$	14,416	\$	78,055
Amounts reported for governmental activities are different because:	in the	statement o	of acti	ivities		
Net Change in Fund Ralances Total Course	menta	l Funds			\$	(6,316)
The Grange in Fund balances - Total Govern.						
Governmental Funds report capital outlays a statement of activities, these costs are alle	as exp ocated	enditures; i over their	n the			(752)
Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governormal Governmental Funds report capital outlays a statement of activities, these costs are alle estimated useful lives as depreciation. Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activit	ocated	enditures; i over their	n the			(752)

Note to Financial Statements September 30, 2004

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of TC TALUS (Traverse City Area Transportation and Land Use Study) have been prepared in conformity with the modified accrual basis of accounting as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of TC TALUS's accounting policies are described below.

Effective July 1, 2003, TC TALUS adopted GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements* – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments. Certain of the significant changes in these statements include the following:

- Depreciation of capital assets owned by TC TALUS.
- Financial statements using the modified accrual basis of accounting for all TC TALUS's activities as adjusted for capital assets and depreciation.

A. Reporting Entity

TC TALUS is an Inter-municipality Committee established under Act 200 of 1957 of the Public Acts of Michigan. TC Talus was established to provide coordinated leadership and direction for the development and conduct of a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for the purposes of complying with the intent of the applicable sections of the Federal Highway Act of 1964, as amended. TC TALUS is governed by a board of directors primarily designated by each of the member units.

The criteria established by Statement 14 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board for determining the various governmental organizations to be included in the reporting entity's financial statements are based primarily on the concept of financial accountability.

TC TALUS operates as an autonomous agency completely separate from Grand Traverse County or any of the other member units, and is not financially accountable to any other unit. On this basis, accordingly, the financial statements of TC TALUS will not be included in the financial statements of any other organizations.

B. Government Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. Governmental activities, normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include: (1) changes to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment; and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenue.

Note to Financial Statements September 30, 2004

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

All governmental funds utilize the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when received in cash except for those susceptible to accrual, which are recorded as receivables when measurable and as revenue when available to finance current operations. Significant revenues susceptible to accrual include expenditure reimbursement type grants, certain intergovernmental revenues and operating transfers. Expenditures are recorded when they are incurred except for interest on long-term debt, which is recorded when paid.

The fund financial statements report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the local unit. Each Fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures.

The local unit reports the following major governmental fund:

<u>General Fund</u> - This fund is used to account for all financial transactions not accounted for in another fund, including the general operating expenditures of the local unit. Revenues are derived primarily from state distributions and other intergovernmental revenues.

The local unit reports the following non-major governmental fund:

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u> - This fund type is used to account for specific governmental revenues requiring separate accounting because of legal or regulatory provisions or administrative action. The two special revenue funds currently maintained by TC Talus are the Railroad Environmental Assessment Fund and the M-72 East Corridor Study Fund.

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity

The following is a summary of the local unit's assets, liabilities, and net assets or equity:

Bank Deposits and Investments - Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with a maturity of 90 days or less.

Capital/Fixed Assets – Capital assets represent the fixed assets of the local unit utilized in its general operations (non-proprietary fixed assets).

Fixed assets are recorded at historical cost. Donated fixed assets are required to be valued at the fair market value as of the date received.

Note to Financial Statements September 30, 2004

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - continued

In accordance with GASB 34, depreciation has been provided on the fixed assets. Depreciation is computed over the estimated useful lives of the asset. Estimated useful lives are generally five years for equipment.

Fund Equity – In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Note 2 – Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

A. Budgets

The General Fund and Special Revenue Fund are under formal budgetary control. Budgets shown in the financial statements for these funds were prepared on a basis not significantly different from the modified accrual basis used to reflect actual results and consist only of those amounts contained in the formal budget approved and amended by the unit.

In the body of the combined financial statements, the unit's actual expenditures and budgeted expenditures for the budgetary funds have been shown on an activity basis. The approved budgets of the unit for these budgetary funds were also adopted at the activity level.

Encumbrance accounting is not used and appropriations normally lapse at year-end.

B. Budget Compliance

P.A. 621 of 1978, Section 18 (1), as amended, provides that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated. During the year ended September 30, 2004, TC TALUS did not incur expenditures in excess of amounts budgeted after amendments.

Note 4 – Deposits with Financial Institutions

A. Legal or Contractual Provisions for Deposits and Investments

The Michigan Political Subdivisions Act No. 20, Public Acts of 1943, as amended by act No. 217, Public Acts of 1982 and Public Act 196 of 1997, states local units, by resolution, may authorize the Treasurer to invest surplus funds as follows:

- In bonds and other direct obligations of the United State or an agency or instrumentality of the United States.
- b. In certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts, or depository receipts of a financial institution, but only if the financial institution complies with Subsection (2).
- c. In commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the 2 highest classifications established by not less than 2 standard rating services and which matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase.

Note to Financial Statements September 30, 2004

Note 4 - Deposits with Financial Institutions - continued

- d. In United States government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements.
- e. In banker's acceptances of United States banks.
- f. In mutual funds composed of investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan.

B. Types of Deposits and Investments

TC TALUS maintains all its surplus funds with a local bank in the form of a savings/checking account. Interpreting the FDIC insurance coverage of \$100,000 per deposit to apply to the total savings/time deposits separately from checking/demand deposits for purposes of applying the \$100,000 limit, the bank balances as of September 30, 2004 appear to be fully insured.

Note 5 - Changes in General Fixed Assets

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Equipment				
Computer Traffic Counter	\$ 1,961 1 800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,961
ramo counter	<u> 1,800</u>		-	<u> 1,800</u>
Subtotal	3,761	-	-	3,761
Less: Depreciation	2,225	<u>752</u>		2,977
Total	<u>\$ 1,536</u>	<u>\$ 752</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 784</u>

Note 6 - Risk Management

TC Talus employees are insured through the Grand Traverse County Road Commission's insurance policy for errors and omissions, liability, and wrongful acts, worker's compensation, and property damage coverage. It does not appear that board members or the entity itself are covered under the Grand Traverse County Road Commission's insurance policy. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 7 - Lease

On January 3, 1995 TC Talus entered into a lease agreement with Grand Traverse County for the rental of its office facilities at \$132.38 per month. The lease is renewable annually each year. Thirty days prior to expiration of the lease, TC Talus needs to notify Grand Traverse County of its intent not to renew the lease. If TC Talus does not provide the notice, the lease shall be extended for another year at the adjusted rental rate. The annual rent shall be adjusted by multiplying the percentage increase or decrease of the preceding Detroit June Consumer Price Index to the previous year's rental rate.

SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

Budgetary Comparison Schedule General Fund

For the Year Ended September 30, 2004

Revenues	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorabl
State Grants Local Units Contributions Interest Earned	\$ 138,875 66,250	\$ 138,875 66,250	\$ 64,497 66,250 199	\$ (74,378 - 199
	205,125	205,125	130,946	(74,179
Expenditures				, ,
Administration	21,500	21,700	21 560	
Public Information	14,100	16,100	21,560 15,073	140
Traffic Counts	3,000	1,000	15,973	127
Traffic Models	9,500	8,900	927	73
Master Planning	30,150	32,650	8,808 32,378	92
TCSP	108,875	108,875		272
Boardman River Project	2,000	100,070	42,139	66,736
Rail Rationalization	2,000	_	-	-
Audit/Accounting	5,000	4,700	4,420	-
Indirect Charges	9,000	11,200	11,054	280 146
	205,125	205,125	137,259	67,866
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Operating Transfers In Operating Transfers (Out)		-	-	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	_	_	
Excess Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ -	\$ -	(6,313)	\$ (6,313)
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year		_	69,952	(0,010)
Fund Balance - End of Year			\$ 63,639	

ADDTITIONAL INFORMATION

Combining Balance Sheet Non-Major Governmental Funds September 30, 2004

Assets	Special Revenue Funds Railroad M-72 East Environmental Corridor Assessment Study Fund Fund Total
Cash Accounts Receivable - MDOT Accounts Receivable - Local Due from Other Funds Total Assets	\$ 12,866 \$ 1,550 \$ 14,416
Liabilities and Fund Equity Accounts Payable Fund Balance Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ - \$ - \$ - 12,866 1,550 14,416 \$ 12,866 \$ 1,550 \$ 14,416

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Non-Major Governmental Funds For the Year Ended September 30, 2004

	S	oecial Rev	enue Fun	ds		
	Enviro Asse	ilroad onmental essment	M-72 E Corrid Stud	lor 'y		
Revenues		und	Fund	<u> </u>		Total
State Grants	\$		ው		•	
Local Contributions	Ψ	-	\$	-	\$	
Interest		37		-		•
Other Revenues	***************************************	<u>-</u>		1		3
		37		1		
Expenditures		0,		'		38
Consulting Services		-		_		
Supplies		_		_		
Printing		-		_		
Equipment Rental		-		-		
Miscellaneous		41	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			4
Total Expenditures		41			_	41
Excess Revenues (Expenditures)		(4)		1		(3
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
Operating Transfers In		_		_		
Operating Transfers (Out)						
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)				_		_
Excess Revenues (Expenditures)						
and Other Sources (Uses)		(4)		1		(3)
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	1	2,870	1,5	<u>49</u>		14,419
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 1.	2,866	\$ 1,5	50	\$	14,416